

Busy week in New York

Just as Azerbaijan had been preparing to assume the UN Security Council presidency on October 1, the Azerbaijani delegation led by Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov had a very busy week during the UN General Assembly focusing on a wide-ranging agenda from global issues to energy and culture. In addition to holding numerous bilateral meetings and presenting at the General Assembly debates, Mr. Mammadyarov also participated in high-level meetings of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and GUAM. As a member of the UN Security Council, Azerbaijan co-sponsored the Council's resolution on Syria and reiterated its strong condemnation of any use of chemical weapons.

The week's special highlights included the well-attended Caspian Forum <http://www.caspianforum.org/> organized by the Caspian Strategy Institute, which brought together regional leaders to discuss Europe's energy security, and opening of the 'Azerbaijan: Land of Tolerance' exhibition by the world-famous master of photography Reza at the United Nations Headquarters <http://www.news.az/articles/society/82928>.